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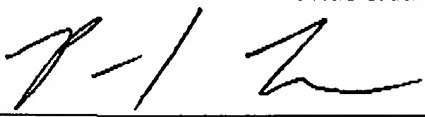
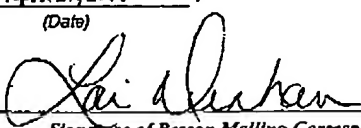
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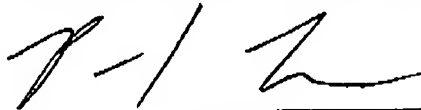
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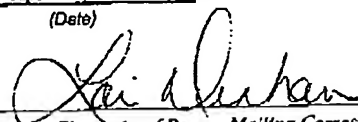
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of March 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.